



News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

April 10	Social Studies test (Amendments to the Constitution and branches of government)
April 12	D97 Choral Festival at OPRFHS at 7 p.m.
April 20	Rockin' Lock In Overnight at Holmes School
April 21	Village of Oak Park Earth Fest
April 26	Middle School Math Event
May 9	MAP Testing Begins

Dear Families,

We are getting ready for the first-ever Fifth Grade Rockin' Lock In on **Friday April 20-Saturday, April 21**. Please be sure to sign up for a two-hour shift if your child plans to attend.

Middle School Math Event - April 26

Brooks Middle School will be holding a math competition on Thursday, April 26. If your child is interested in participating in this competition, we must have a signed permission slip by **Thursday, April 12**. The competition is open to students of any math ability level. Holmes has participated in this event in the past, and students have always had a great time. If your child has an interest in math, this competition would be a great experience.

Dissection

We will be dissecting sheep hearts this coming Thursday (April 12). We could really use some parent volunteers to help with the scalpels. It is not very complicated (two cuts). It would be great if we had some extra hands to make the process easier. If you can help out, please contact Ms. Manuel. Class times are: 5K : 10:45 - 11:25, 5P: 1:30 - 2:10, 5M: 2:10 - 2:50.

Village of Oak Park Earth Fest

The D97 Zero Waste schools are hosting tables at the Village of Oak Park Earth Fest event on **April 21 from 10am-2pm** at the Public Works building. The schools would like to highlight what they are doing around Zero Waste. Mrs. Celio will be representing Holmes School and she would love to have some 5th graders come and talk about all the things they have been doing - from vermi-composting, to turning the Earth Tub, weighing compost, etc. Students who are interested in volunteering at the Earth Fest can sign up with Ms. Manuel. We are looking for volunteers for the following time slots: 10 -11am, 11-12n, 12n-1pm, 1pm-2pm. The kids will have the opportunity to meet other Green Ambassadors from other schools and learn about the other programs schools are doing.

Art -The winners of the "Design an Ad" contest can be viewed at Mr. Kristofer's link [www.http://www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com/](http://www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com/) or on the bulletin board outside the Art room.

Music - Chorus members have rehearsals for their Choral Festival starting this week (Tuesday p.m.)! If you have not sent a permission slip, please send one in with your child as soon as possible or fill out the online permission slip at this link: [Choral Permission Slip](#)

Spanish - In Spanish we are working on ordering food in a restaurant. Students are working in groups to create a skit that includes waiter/waitresses, managers, and diners. We will start

performing the role playing this week.

Library - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature

TREASURES

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, students will take the Unit 4 assessment.

SHAKESPEARE

On Wednesday, we will begin a study of three Shakespeare plays. Each class will be assigned a play. They will read it together, dissect the plot and characters, and ultimately perform it for each other during the last week of school. This week we will introduce the project by discussing who Shakespeare was, as well as what the culture was like and what was happening in history at the time he was writing.

LITERATURE CIRCLES

Students will begin their next round of literature circles this week. Students will receive their books and packets on Wednesday, April 11th. Students are responsible to complete the assigned reading and role sheet before the group meets to discuss every Wednesday.

Language Arts

Writing Focus: Students turned in their Secret Shortcut writing pieces on Monday. This week we will begin writing a poem called "Where I'm From" inspired by the poem written by George Ella Lyon. Over the next two weeks, students will use GoogleDocs to write their poems, and then create a visual representation of their words using Tagxedo.

Grammar Focus: The grammar skill for this week is using adjectives that compare (i.e. warmer, warmest, taller, tallest, faster, fastest).

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to students today. Many students had difficulty with addition and subtraction of mixed numbers, and we reviewed these concepts today. This week, we will be working on fraction multiplication. We will use folded paper as an area model for multiplication of fractions. There will be a quiz on Friday covering fraction multiplication.

Science

This week, we will be learning about the circulatory system. Our first dissection will be this Thursday. We will be dissecting sheep hearts and we will need assistance from adults to handle the scalpels. If you can assist, please e-mail Ms. Manuel. Class times are: 5K - 10:45 a.m., 5P - 1:30 p.m. and 5M - 2:10 p.m.

Students have chosen a body system to study for the Human Body project. Students will conduct research, write a brief research paper and create a glog. Project requirements will be posted on the Science page of the 5th grade wiki by the end of the week. Although students will have some in-class time to work on the projects, they will be required to complete the majority of the project at home. Relevant project documents are posted on the Science page of the 5th grade wiki.

Social Studies

We will have a test on Tuesday on the amendments to the Constitution and the three branches of government. Students made study guides in class and the information is also available on the social studies section of the wiki. This week, we will focus on the expansion and exploration of the United States under President Jefferson.

We're on the Web!

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